

Systems Administrator Conference Call
June 15, 1999, 10:00 CST

1. Standards and Workspace Update:

The release date of the final version of the AEC Standards has been set back to at least the end of July. This is due to some discrepancies in symbology (line styles) between the Civil Site sections of the AEC Standards and the TSSD Standards. The Tri-Service Center is going to merge the TSSDS Line Styles with the AEC Standards. The Workspace project is going smoothly with most of the bugs found on the beta 2 tests taken care of. It is scheduled for release with the standards. The File Manager project recently had a 65% review and is on schedule. If you are interested in being involved in future reviews, e-mail your request to John Kincaid - JOHN.A.KINCAID@USACE.ARMY.MIL.

2. Workspace Training:

Managers Training: tentatively scheduled for the first week of August. Sign-ups and more information should be showing up on the Tri-Service Web page (<http://tsc.wes.army.mil/>) shortly. This training is being coordinated and put on exclusively by the Tri-Service center.

Users Training: The contract is written, the Scope of Work is written, everything has been signed and the training is tentatively scheduled to start the last week of August. The first training session will be held in Atlanta, followed by Ft. Worth, TX and Irvine, CA. While the training will be put on by Bentley, the group agreed that it would be a good idea to have a Corps host at each training session. Steve Hutsell has volunteered to be a host at the Ft. Worth session and Mary Diel has volunteered to host the Irvine session.

Lynn Riggs (St. Paul District) and Steve Hutsell (Ft. Worth District) have volunteered to develop civil and military (respectively) examples to be used in the training.

3. EBS Meeting:

A sub-group of the Systems FAC met in St. Louis on June 10, 1999 to discuss the raster problem and other issues surrounding the EBS process. They took a look at several viewers including Take Off, HMR's Image Publisher, Bentley's ModelServer Publisher, and Intergraph's Digital Print Room. The bottom line is that none of the packages viewed the continuous tone raster files very clearly and that Source View was still the package to use. The 32-bit version of Source View (due out 3rd quarter?) is supposed to support .tiff files. Mike Watson is going to send to Momentum a tiff file generated using Intergraph's offline raster driver to see if SourceView will support that format of tiff.

Mike Watson and Ed Mathison are going to put together some guidance and tips on how to generate your continuous tone plot (CAL) files for best screen viewing and ultimately the best plots from the CAL files. They will then send this document on to Elias Arredondo of the Tri-Service Center for mass distribution.

EBS Web sites: Elias has figured out how to feed the central web site to the district web sites that doesn't require any district interaction with the central web site. This will allow a central site for the contractors to go to and look for projects. When they select a project they will be linked with the district's web site. In order for this to work, each districts contracting EBS site must look the same. He will be drafting a letter of how this page should look. The systems FAC has requested a chance to review the letter before it is sent out.

Side Note: Adobe Exchange 4.0 upgrades are coming to the districts via headquarters so you may want to keep an eye out for them. These are supposed to be for the EBS projects.

4. CKB Web Site

Glenn Kato and John Kincaid have been working on getting the other FAC groups access to their web pages using ftp. Firewall issues may prevent access through NT mounts. Glenn Kato is in charge of updating the Systems FAC page, so if you have anything you want posted, contact Glenn at GLENN.K.KATO@USACE.ARMY.MIL .

Mary Diel has written up instructions for populating the CADD survey portion of the site. If you haven't yet received a login for the survey please e-mail Mary at mdiel@spk.usace.army.mil for your login and password and a copy of the instructions.

If you have entered something incorrectly and need to make a deletion, contact John Kincaid and they will make the deletion from the database.

5. Next meeting: July 20, 1999, 10:00 CST, Phone # (404) 562-4365.